

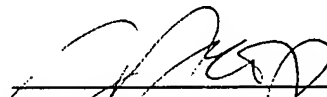
None of the cited references in any way teach a resiliently biased catch for such an application. In order to set forth an obviousness rejection, the rationale to modify must be set forth within the reference itself. See M.P.E.P. § 2143.01. Here, the rationale to modify is nowhere stated and the argument that it would be obvious to modify the reference is unsupported by any assertions in the prior art. Therefore, the obviousness rejection should be reconsidered.

For similar reasons, the other independent claims are likewise in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1 (Amended). A personal computer card comprising:

an extensible antenna;

a coil spring [that pushes] to push the antenna from a retracted to an extended position; [and]

a track laterally displaced with respect to the coil spring to guide the antenna as it is pushed to its extended position; and

a catch that retains the antenna in the retracted position in said track, said catch being spring biased.

Please cancel claims 3-9.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11 (Amended). A method comprising:

providing an extensible antenna in a personal computer card;

providing a coil spring that pushes the antenna from a retracted to an extended position; [and]

displacing a track laterally with respect to [the] said coil spring to guide the antenna as it is pushed to its extended position; and

providing a resiliently biased follower to ride in said track and to control the position of said antenna as it moves between retracted and extended positions.

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

16 (Amended). A traveler for extending an antenna out of a personal computer card, said traveler comprising:

an extensible antenna;

a coil spring that pushes the antenna from a retracted to an extended position; and

a track engaging element, said element laterally spaced with respect to the coil spring to enable the antenna to be guided as it is pushed to its extended position, said track engaging element being a cantilevered leaf spring.

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Please cancel claims 18-20.